

REMARKS

Claims 3-6 and 9-12 are currently pending. The present proposed response cancels all rejected claims and rewrites all objected to claims to include all of the limitations of their parent and any intervening claims to place them in allowable form.

Claim 4 is rewritten in allowable independent form by including the limitations of parent claim 1 into "objected to" claim 4. Claim 5 is rewritten in allowable independent form by including the limitations of parent claim 1 and dependent claim 2 into "objected to" claim 5. Claim 10 is rewritten in allowable independent form by including the limitations of parent claim 1, and dependent claims 2 and 7 into "objected to" claim 10. Claim 11 is rewritten in allowable independent form by including the limitations of parent claim 1, and dependent claims 2 and 8 into "objected to" claim 11. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-identified amendment and favorable reconsideration in view of the remarks presented herein below.

At the outset, Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 6, 9, and 12, and the indication that claims 4, 5, 10 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. The present response cancels all rejected claims and puts claims 3-6, and 9-12 in allowable form.

Since all of the rejected claims have been cancelled, it is respectfully submitted that there are no additional outstanding issues in the present application.

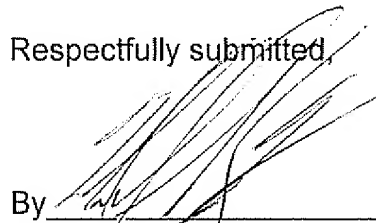
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Penny Caudle (Reg. No.

46,607) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,



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